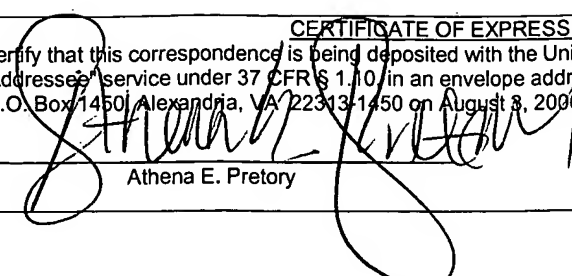


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2006, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 8.